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1. AMB. GARCIA OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) TOLD CONOFF NOV 17 THAT HE HAD NOT YET GOTTEN ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES TO BE ABLE TO AGREE OFFICIALLY TO CHANGES MENTIONED REF B. HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH J-1 AND J-2 CHANGES TO MULTIPLE 48 MONTH, NO FEE, WHICH HE DID "SYMMETRIZED" THE AGREEMENT.

2. GARCIA SAID, HOWEVER, THAT DFA WAS NOT HAPPY WITH DEPT'S NEW SCHEDULE ON A-3 AND G-5, WHICH HE FELT WAS "STEP BACKWARD" FROM PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN AGREEMENT REACHED OCTOBER 23. HE SAID GOP WOULD PREFER 48 MONTH MULTIPLE POSSIBILITY IN THESE CATEGORIES BUT WOULD UNDERSTAND IF INDIVIDUAL CASES WERE LIMITED TO TIME OF PRINCIPAL'S ASSIGNMENT. WHEN CONOFF POINTED OUT THAT A-3S CAN BE REVALIDATED IN U.S. GARCIA ASKED IF SAME THING IS TRUE OF G-5S. ALTHOUGH IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, FROM 22 CFR 41.125(G) THAT ALL G VISAS CAN BE REVALIDATED IN U.S., REF B GAVE IMPRESSION THIS NOT CASE FOR G-5S. PLEASE CLARIFY.
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